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Ref A demarche was delivered October 30 to Serghios Serghiou, Director, Department of Merchant Shipping in the Ministry of Communications and Works. Serghiou advised that he could not assure the US of Cyprus' vote for election to the IMO "A" category unless we assured the GoC of USG support for Cyprus' election to IMO category "C." This approach was echoed by Cyprus MFA (Ref B). Serghiou noted that in the past, our nations have tended to support each other's IMO candidacies even in the absence of an agreement to do so before the vote.
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